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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(b) Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examiner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated May 16, 2005 from a corresponding patent application is attached together with the documents listed thereon. The referenced documents are listed on the PTO Form 1449.

The listed documents are in a non-English language. Accordingly, to satisfy the requirement for a concise statement of relevance, English language abstracts are attached for each listed document. Also for relevance, the above-noted Japanese Office Action dated May 16, 2005 listing these documents is attached for the Examiner's consideration. An English-language translation of this Japanese Office Action is also attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Japanese Office Action and listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art". If the Examiner applies any of these documents as "prior art" against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should any such document be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any additional fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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						YES	NO
	2000-076665	March 14, 2000	JP			Abstract	
	09-050639	February 18, 1997	JP			Abstract	
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	09-180209	July 11, 1997	JP			Abstract	

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